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In re Application of :  
Eric C. Hince, et al. :  
Application No. 09/493,579 :  
Filed: January 28, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. GEO-3.0-001-(DIV)-(2) :

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 19, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The Office sincerely apologizes for the delay in responding to the instant petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed November 28, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on March 1, 2001.

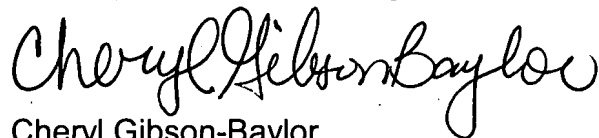
The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$750.00; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

Petitioner has appointed a representative to conduct all business before the Patent and Trademark Office (Office). The Office will not engage in dual correspondence with petitioner and petitioner's representative. Accordingly, petitioner must conduct all future correspondence with this Office through the representative of record. ***If petitioner no longer wishes to be represented by the representative of record, then a revocation of the power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted.***

However, receipt is acknowledged of the change of correspondence address filed with the instant petition on July 19, 2005. The Office records will be corrected accordingly.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3213.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1700, Art Unit 1744.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cheryl Gibson-Baylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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